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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: CHEMICALLY STABLE, INSECTICIDALLY ACTIVE
PHOSPHOROAMIDOTHIOATE PELLET COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
THEIR MANUFACTURE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies the concurrent filing of a Rule 53(b)

Continuation Application based on pending parent Application No. 09/259,300. Please amend
this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by deleting the paragraph under the heading "Cross-
Reference To Related Applications" on page 1 of the application, and replace it with the
following:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/259,300, filed
March 1, 1999, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,714, filed December
17, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,013,272, all of which claim benefit and priority under 35 U.S.C. §